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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Type of Statement

The present Information Disclosure Statement is:

- ☐ An *original* Information Disclosure Statement; or
- ☒ A *supplemental* Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- I. ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b); no fee or certification is required:
- A. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
- B. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth on § 1.491 in an international application;
- C. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or
- D. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.
- II. ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the dates listed above but before the mailing of

any final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application; Applicant hereby *either*:

A. ☐ Certifies that *either*:

1. ☐ Each item of the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or

2. ☐ That no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or

B. ☐ Includes herewith the fee set forth in § 1.17(p),

III. ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), after the mailing date of any final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application; Applicant hereby both:

A. ☐ Certifies that *either*:

1. ☐ Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or

2. ☐ That no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certificate after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; and

B. ☐ Includes herewith the fee set forth in § 1.17(p)

- IV. ☒ Applicant requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be placed in the file of the instant application:

Content of the Information Disclosure Statement

- IV. ☐ Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicant includes copies of the references as indicated below:

- A. ☐ A copy of each cited foreign patent and non-patent reference not indicated with an asterisk is included;
- B. ☐ Copies of the references indicated with an asterisk on the attached form PTO 1449(modified) are not included pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d) because they were previously cited by or provided to the United States Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement that complies with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)-(c) and was submitted in the following patent application that is relied upon in the present case for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC § 120:

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- C. ☐ Copies of the English translations of one or more non-English references are included.

V. Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application: Several non-English language references were included in the IDS filed September 10, 2002. The following is a concise explanation of these references:

GB 705334 (Reference AZ) is the British counterpart to DE1063364.

CH581493 (Reference BU) concerns a static mixing apparatus for mixing two materials, one of which is free-flowing.

DE1620918 (Reference BS) concerns a method and apparatus for purifying high molecular weight polyolefins and removing catalyst from the final product.

Applicant certifies that the Information Disclosure Statement *either*:

- A. ☐ Does not contain non-English citations;
B. ☐ Includes one or more translations of a non-English citation; or
C. ☐ Does contain non-English language citations, of which the following is a concise explanation:

Remarks:

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

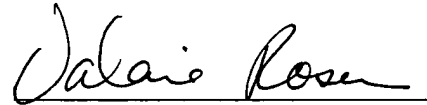
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Applicant submits that no fees are due with this submission. Nonetheless, please charge any fees that may be required and refund any overpayment to our Deposit Account 03-0060.

Dated: January 9, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valarie B. Rosen", written over a horizontal line.

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